CLAIMS: The following is a listing of all claims in the application with their status and the text of all active claims.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for processing samples of a target language, comprising means for generating modified versions of said samples [of a target language] or of fragments of said samples [of a target language], wherein,
   – said modified versions are generated by applying groups of modifications,
   – said groups of modifications contain one or more modifications,
   – one or more of said modifications can be applied in an independent fashion,
   – said target language can be a foreign language or a native language,
   wherein said system can be used for different purposes, such as for example to present modified versions in order to assist in language comprehension and/or learning, to create data that will be used to generate said modified versions, or for other purposes.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system as claimed in claim 1, [characterized because] further comprising
   – [it comprises] means for showing one or more of said samples of a target language divided into word groups wherein, in order to facilitate the exposition, each one of those word groups is called Original Extract,
   – [it comprises] one or more Relations that are assigned to one or more of said Original Extracts, wherein said Relations are entities that contain one or more concrete modifications that can be applied upon the Original Extract to which said Relation is assigned,
   – [it comprises] means for activating at least one Relation for the Original Extract to which said Relation is assigned, so that when such Relation is activated, certain modifications that are included in said Relation are applied upon said Original Extract, so that one or more Modified Extracts are generated, where said Modified Extracts are modified versions of said Original Extracts,
   – [it comprises] means to show to the person that is using the invention said Original Extract and/or one or more of said Modified Extracts that have been generated.

3. (ORIGINAL) A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein one or more of said Relations comprises more than one activation level, so that when said Relation is activated to different

activation levels different modifications are applied and different Modified Extracts are generated.

4. (CANCELLED)

5. (ORIGINAL) A system as claimed in claim 2, further comprising:
    – at least one Original Blind Extract that is associated to an Original Extract, wherein said Original Blind Extract is an entity that contains information about:
        ~ the words that are related in some way to said Original Extract,
        ~ other type of information, such as for example control characters or other information,
    – means for filtering said Original Blind Extract and generating a text fragment called Original Open Extract, which is the version of said Original Extract that is shown to the user.

6. (ORIGINAL) A system as claimed in claim 5, further comprising:
    – means for modifying said Original Blind Extract and generating one or more Modified Blind Extracts, depending on the Relations that are active and on the level to which those Relations have been activated, wherein applying each one of said Relations creates a modification in said Original Blind Extract,
    – means for applying the filtering process that was mentioned in claim 5 to said Modified Blind Extracts, so that one or more Modified Open Extracts are created, wherein said Modified Open Extracts are the language fragments that are shown to the learner,
    wherein if all Relations are non-active, the resulting Modified Closed Extract would have the same form as said Original Closed Extract.

7. (ORIGINAL) A system as claimed in claim 2, further comprising means for creating one or more of said Relations by using Relational Schemes,
    – wherein said Relational Schemes are templates that contain certain modifications and certain variables for which it is necessary to specify a set of values, wherein said variables can be assigned values such as the following:
        ~ different word groups to which some of said certain modifications can be applied,
        ~ different concrete aspects about how to apply said certain modifications,
        ~ other type of information,

   – wherein activating a Relation that is based on a Relational Scheme comprises the application of said modifications upon said word groups in a way that will depend on the level at which said Relation is active.

8. (ORIGINAL) A system as claimed in claim 7, wherein said certain modifications are created as a combination of Basic Actions, where said Basic Actions can be one of the following:
   – A "Show" Basic Action, which is characterized because it modifies the visualization state of one or more words,
   – A "Move" Basic Action, which is characterized because it modifies the position of one or more words,
   – A "Mark" Basic Action, which is characterized because it uses some means to mark or unmark one or more words,
   – Other type of Basic Action

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system as claimed in claim 2, [characterized because it comprises Simple Relations and Compounded Relations] further comprising Compounded Relations, wherein said Compounded Relations are created as a combination of one or more Relations, and wherein said one or more Relations might be Simple Relations or Compounded Relations.

10 – 14 (CANCELLED)

15. (ORIGINAL) A system as claimed in claim 1, characterized because it is a computerized system that comprises:
   – hardware means,
   – a structured data set, these data being related to the samples of target language, and
   – a computer program that manages the interactions of the person that is utilizing the invention.

16 – 17 (CANCELLED)

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for processing samples of a target language, comprising the step of generating modified versions of said samples [of a target language] or of fragments of said samples [of a target language], wherein,
   – said modified versions are generated by applying groups of modifications,

    − said groups of modifications contain one or more modifications,

    − one or more of said modifications can be applied in an independent fashion,

    − said target language can be a foreign language or a native language,

wherein said system can be used for different purposes, such as for example to present modified versions in order to assist in language comprehension and/or learning, to create data that will be used to generate said modified versions, or for other purposes.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 18, [characterized because] further comprising the steps of

    − [it comprises the step of] showing one or more of said samples of a target language divided into word groups wherein, in order to facilitate the exposition, each one of those word groups is called Original Extract,

    − [it comprises] providing one or more Relations that are assigned to one or more of said Original Extracts, wherein said Relations are entities that contain one or more concrete modifications that can be applied upon the Original Extract to which said Relation is assigned,

    − [it comprises the step of] activating at least one Relation for the Original Extract to which said Relation is assigned, so that when such Relation is activated, certain modifications that are included in said Relation are applied upon said Original Extract, so that one or more Modified Extracts are generated, where said Modified Extracts are modified versions of said Original Extracts,

    − [it comprises the step of] showing to the person that is using the invention said Original Extract and/or one or more of said Modified Extracts that have been generated.

20. (ORIGINAL) A method as claimed in claim 19, wherein one or more of said Relations comprises more than one activation level, so that when said Relation is activated to different activation levels different modifications are applied and different Modified Extracts are generated.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 19, further comprising the steps of

    − providing at least one Original Blind Extract that is associated to an Original Extract, wherein said Original Blind Extract is an entity that contains information about:

~ the words that are related in some way to said Original Extract,

~ other type of information, such as for example control characters or other information,

− [the step of] filtering said Original Blind Extract and generating a text fragment called Original Open Extract, which is the version of said Original Extract that is shown to the user.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising the steps of

− [the step of] modifying said Original Blind Extract and generating one or more Modified Blind Extracts, depending on the Relations that are active and on the level to which those Relations have been activated, wherein applying each one of said Relations creates a modification in said Original Blind Extract,

− [the step of] applying the filtering process that was mentioned in claim 21 to said Modified Blind Extracts, so that one or more Modified Open Extracts are created, wherein said Modified Open Extracts are the language fragments that are shown to the learner,

wherein if all Relations are non-active, the resulting Modified Closed Extract would have the same form as said Original Closed Extract.

23. (ORIGINAL) A method as claimed in claim 19, further comprising the step of creating one or more of said Relations by using Relational Schemes,

− wherein said Relational Schemes are templates that contain certain modifications and certain variables for which it is necessary to specify a set of values, wherein said variables can be assigned values such as the following:

~ different word groups to which some of said certain modifications can be applied,

~ different concrete aspects about how to apply said certain modifications,

~ other type of information,

− wherein activating a Relation that is based on a Relational Scheme comprises the application of said modifications upon said word groups in a way that will depend on the level at which said Relation is active.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 23, [~~wherein said certain~~ ~~modifications are created~~] <u>further comprising the step of creating said certain modifications</u> as a combination of Basic Actions, where said Basic Actions can be one of the following:

- A "Show" Basic Action, which is characterized because it modifies the visualization state of one or more words,

- A "Move" Basic Action, which is characterized because it modifies the position of one or more words,

- A "Mark" Basic Action, which is characterized because it uses some means to mark or unmark one or more words,

- Other type of Basic Action

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 19, [~~characterized because it~~ ~~comprises Simple Relations and Compounded Relations~~] <u>further comprising the step of creating Compounded Relations</u>, wherein said Compounded Relations are created as a combination of one or more Relations, and wherein said one or more Relations might be Simple Relations or Compounded Relations.

26 – 36 (CANCELLED)

37. (NEW) A computer readable medium containing computer executable instructions that, when executed by one or more processors of a computer, allow said one of more processors to execute the step of generating modified versions of said samples or of fragments of said samples, wherein,

- said modified versions are generated by applying groups of modifications,

- said groups of modifications contain one or more modifications,

- one or more of said modifications can be applied in an independent fashion,

- said target language can be a foreign language or a native language.

38. (NEW) A computer readable medium containing a data set that, when interpreted by one or more processors of a computer, allows said one of more processors to perform the step of generating modified versions of said samples or of fragments of said samples, wherein,

- said modified versions are generated by applying groups of modifications,

- said groups of modifications contain one or more modifications,

- one or more of said modifications can be applied in an independent fashion,

- said target language can be a foreign language or a native language.